

Basement Finish Information Sheet

Existing home

foundations, built prior to June 2009 are exempt from the MN Energy Code regulations. Applicant may choose the insulation type if any, and simply follow the manufacturer's installation instructions.

(Exposed foam on walls must be covered or approved type.)

Construct all walls on **treated or redwood plates**. Hem-fir or Doug-fir plates not allowed.

Electrical outlets required every 12' along walls and 6' from door openings.

Dedicated GFI circuit required in bathroom.

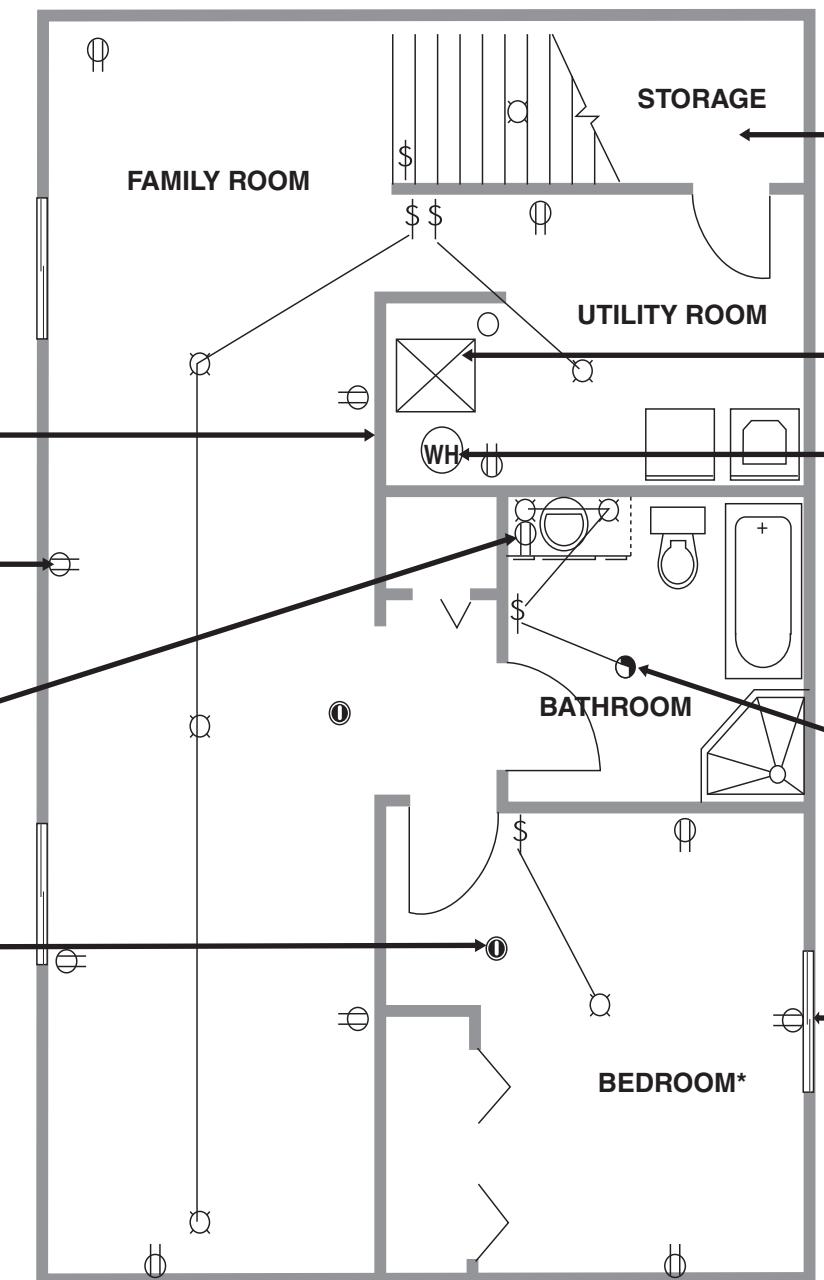
Smoke detectors: Electronically-operated detectors in new basement finish and all bedrooms. Install battery-operated detectors in existing bedrooms and floors not equipped with smoke detectors.

Label uses of each room.

Minimum ceiling height is 7' with 6'-6" allowed for projections such as beams and ducts.

Gas-fired furnace or water heater cannot be in a bedroom, bathroom or closet.

Creation of a full kitchen in the basement of a single family home must be reviewed for conformance with zoning regulations.



* There are varying clearances to combustible materials when building next to new or existing fireplaces. Discuss with Plans Examiner when obtaining permits.

* Arc-fault circuit breakers (AFCB) to be installed per 2008 NEC.

Note: Electrical panels are NOT allowed in bathrooms or closets.

This information is a guide to the most common questions. It is not intended, nor shall it be considered, a complete set of requirements.